



Press Release

NIIT University fosters the spirit of entrepreneurship through research-driven, holistic education, at the Seventh Annual Lecture

- *Nurtures promising ideas on entrepreneurship at the campus -*

*Scholars converge at the Annual Lecture by Dr Karan Singh to hear him talk on
“Interfaith Movement: The confluence of Civilizations”*

*Dr Karan Singh felicitates **Water Man of India, Mr Rajendra Singh**, recipient of the “Nobel Prize for Water – The Stockholm Water Prize”, as the special guest on the occasion*

Neemrana, November 15, 2015: Established with a vision to bring about innovation in higher education and learning in emerging areas of the knowledge society, the not-for-profit NIIT University (NU) today hosted the 7th Annual Lecture by Dr Karan Singh, Chairperson NIIT University and Hon’ble Member of Parliament. Dr Singh spoke on ‘**Interfaith Movement: The confluence of Civilizations**’, at the annual event held in NU campus, Neemrana.

Dr. Karan Singh also felicitated **Water Man of India, Mr Rajendra Singh**, recipient of the “Nobel Prize for Water – The Stockholm Water Prize”, for having brought water to 1,000 villages in India. He lauded Mr Rajendra Singh for working closely with the local communities in Rajasthan to defeat drought by reviving several rivers and bringing hope to the villages and countless people in the arid state.

On the occasion of the 7th Annual Lecture at NU, scholars congregated to deliberate upon the importance of our tradition and civilization for the all-round development of the present generation. In our quest for future we tend to forget our rich past, hence it is important for higher educational institutions to establish the ‘connect’ to help create holistic human beings who can chart the course of progress in harmony with nature.

The importance of fostering and nurturing the spirit of entrepreneurship was discussed extensively at the Annual Lecture. With a focus on innovation and research-driven approach to education, NU is beginning to emerge as the hot-bed of entrepreneurship. During the day, the board members of NU, recognized and evaluated more than a dozen ideas presented by NU students on entrepreneurship. These include innovative ideas like – a smart network health monitoring tool; a dedicated one stop solution for pet care services; Food tech; My Geo Info and a peer learning site, to name a few.



Recently NU students Shikhil Sharma and Ananda Krishnan of B Tech Computer Science, emerged as winners at the 6th All China University Software Entrepreneurship Competition, held among 300 universities in China, for their unique software product “Astra”, that protects web sites from hackers, real time.

Congratulating the founders and the team on the successful completion of six years of excellence in education **Dr Karan Singh, Chairperson NIIT University and Hon’ble Member of Parliament** said, *“This is indeed a very proud moment for NU, and I congratulate the team at NU for the commendable job of introducing young minds to new vistas of knowledge, and encouraging them to think critically and apply that knowledge to everyday lives. Higher education should have a deep connect with life, our cultural tradition and our environment, and I am delighted that NU has successfully established that in a short period. The green campus of NU is an instance of sustainable model of development and I am confident that our students will spread this awareness, across the world.”*

Speaking on the occasion **Water man of India, Mr Rajendra Singh**, recipient of the “Nobel Prize for Water – The Stockholm Water Prize” said, *“Our generation has taken Mother Nature for granted and we are already paying dearly for it. It is time that we take decisive measures to minimize damage to the environment and live in harmony with nature. I am delighted that NU has taken a lead by establishing a Green Campus, that retains the natural lay of the land and imaginatively uses technologies like earth-air tunnels, rain water harvesting facilities and water recycling systems to minimize consumption of natural resources and become self sufficient.”*

“What is even more commendable is that NU has worked with locals to contain illegal mining and adopted nearby land for tree-planting. The enthusiastic participation of the students of the University to convert the neighbouring barren ‘Kali Pahari’ to fertile ‘Hari-Pahari’ gives me hope that given the right direction today’s generation is ready for development in harmony with nature. In NU, I see a reflection of my beliefs on sustainable development and commit myself towards further shaping its growth, as a Member of the Advisory Board of NU.”

True to its core principles of offering industry-linked, research-driven, technology-based and seamless education, NU offers a unique curriculum that aims to shape young minds to play meaningful roles in today’s knowledge economy and promote entrepreneurship. The University offers Industry-linked courses like **MTech (GIS) in collaboration with ESRI, MBA (Finance & Banking) in partnership with ICICI Bank**, and **MTech (Educational Technology)** in collaboration with leading Schools in the country. The University is also building research capabilities in areas such as **Biotechnology, Mobile Healthcare, Cognitive Radio, Educational Technology**, and **Next-generation Networks**.

Mr. Rajendra S Pawar, Founder, NIIT University and Chairman, NIIT Limited said, *“NU is an embodiment of our vision to create holistic leaders, who will contribute meaningfully towards building a better tomorrow. Over the last six years we have successfully created a new model of higher education*



that is closer to life and nature. Innovation is a way of life in NU and this has encouraged our students to come up with winning entrepreneurship ideas. I congratulate my team for doing a commendable job in shaping NU into an institution of excellence.”

Dr Rajendra Pandey, President, NIIT University, said, *“We offer a new model of higher education that fosters critical thinking, innovation and research centric approach to shape individual minds, who can work towards sustainable development.”*

With a view to create graduates who are aligned to the needs of knowledge economy, NU offers a unique 6 month industry internship programme that has been designed to integrate academic pursuits with practical knowledge and experience. This programme gives every student in NU an opportunity to meaningfully engage with leading corporate houses, thus making industry-linkage an intrinsic part of its academic curriculum.

Recently, the 5th Convocation ceremony was hosted at the University campus. Dr K Kasturirangan, formerly: Member of Planning Commission, Member of Parliament, Chairman, ISRO, handed over degree certificates to 335 students for successful completion of various programmes at NU. 8 students received Dr Karan Singh Gold Medal 2015 and 1 student was awarded with Ram Rajindra Malhotra Medal 2015 for exemplary performances in their respective fields. The students have been successfully placed in leading corporates across India like ICICI, Riptide IO, Audi Germany, IBM India, Verizon Communication, Just Dial, Cognizant Technologies, Make My Trip, Grofers and Symphony Teleca.

NU has been acknowledged as the “Best University in use of Technology in Teaching-Learning Practices” by industry association Assocham. NU has also been recognized as the “Most environment-friendly green campus in India” by the India Today Group.

About NIIT University

NU provides **BTech programme (4 years) & the BTech - MTech Integrated dual degree programme (5 years)** in **Computer Science Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering and Biotechnology**. The University imparts knowledge in technologies of the future through a cutting edge curriculum using the core principles of providing industry-linked, technology-based, research-driven and seamless education. The students from the University engage in internships at prestigious organizations. BTech students also get the opportunity of a 6-month work experience before they graduate.

NU also offers a 2-year MTech programme in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Educational Technology (ET). The MTech - GIS programme is a 2-year residential programme that offers placement opportunity. The MTech - ET programme is meant for educators and learning professionals from the business world aspiring to create a niche in the knowledge world.



NU also offers a 2-year full-time MBA programme whose concentration areas include **Marketing, Finance, HR, Digital Marketing, Business Analytics, Banking and Banking Technology**. The MBA Programme at NU demands and encourages the students to explore and connect with the multiple dimensions of today's business environment.

NU recently has been awarded with the title of e-GOV campus during ET E-TECH Summit 2015.

NU has also entered into an academic collaboration with University of Missouri, Kansas City, USA, which enables students to complete their BTech from NU and MS in Computer Science Engineering in 5 years.

NU is notified by the Government of Rajasthan u/a 5 of 2010 and covered u/s 2(f) of UGC Act.

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